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managements of Aided Elementary Schools from collecting fees at exorbitant rates from pupils and claiming large amounts as compensation for loss of income on account of fee concession from the Government, orders were issued laying down the maximum rates of fees to be collected in Aided Elementary Schools and directing that the compensation grant be paid to the Aided Elementary Schools at the above rates or at the actual rates of fees levied by the managements whichever was lower. Pending the revision of the Grant-in-aid Code, the payment of compensation grant on the basis of the above rates was ordered to be continued year after year up to 1961-62.

Subsequently, when education was made free up to Standard V from 1st June 1959, orders were issued to the effect that fees should be levied from pupils in higher standards of Higher Elementary Schools in accordance with Rule 73 of the Madras Educational Rules, though education might be free in Standards I to V in those institutions. The implication of these orders was that from the date of their issue, compensation grants to higher elementary schools on account of the grant of fee concessions in the higher standards should be assessed at the rates specified in Rules 73 of the Madras Educational Rules. These orders were given effect to from 1962-63.

The Managements of Private Elementary Schools can levy fees in Standards I to V, but they will not be eligible for financial assistance from the Government. Grant-in-aid is admissible only to such management schools which do not levy fees after the introduction of the scheme of free elementary education.

Out of about 30,200 primary schools in the State, 45 private management schools in the Madras City levy fees. There are about 300 schools out of about 4,000 upper primary schools levying fees in Standards VI to VIII, both under local body and private managements. It is considered anomalous to permit the levy of fees in Primary and Upper Primary Schools (in Standards I to V and VI to VIII) and insist on free education in the Secondary stage (Standards VI to X). The Director of Public Instruction has submitted necessary proposals that levy of fees may be abolished completely in all Schools recognised under the Rules for recognition of Elementary Schools with effect from the school year 1965-66. The proposals are under examination of the Government and orders will be issued shortly.

#### V.—ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) ASSOCIATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON  
SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following three Members have been nominated by the Legislative Council to associate with the Committee on Subordinate

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Legislation of the Legislative Assembly for the financial year 1965-66 :—

- (1) Sri K. Balasubramania Ayyar.
- (2) Sri K. Ramadoss.
- (3) Sri M. Rajah Ayyar.

(2) BILL PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages from the Hon. Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

“(1) In accordance with Rule 133 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Public Buildings (Licensing) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 31 of 1964), as passed by the Council on the 25th March 1965, with the amendments set out in the annexure and signed by me for the concurrence of the Assembly.

ANNEXURE.

*Enacting Formula.*

In the enacting formula, for the words ‘Fifteenth Year’, substitute the words ‘Sixteenth Year’.

*Clause 1.*

In sub-clause (1) of clause 1, for the figures ‘1964’ substitute the figures ‘1965’.

(2) In accordance with rule 133 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 40 of 1964), as passed by the Council on the 25th March 1965, with the amendments set out in the annexure and signed by me for the concurrence of the Assembly.”

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VI.—PRESENTATION OF REPORT.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

SRI A. RAGHAVA REDDI: Sir, I rise to present the Sixth Report (Third Assembly) of the Committee on Government Assurance.